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Application No: 10/733,343
Attorney's Docket No: ALC 3108**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

On page 2, the Office Action rejects claims 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, as allegedly being indefinite for specified reasons.

Claims 12 and 13 are amended as requested in the rejection. Claim 14 appears to be subject to the rejection based solely on its dependence from claim 13.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 12-14 as allegedly being indefinite be withdrawn.

In the Office Action Summary and on page 3 of the Office Action, claim 5 is indicated as being allowed. Claim 12 is amended to depend from claim 5. For at least the foregoing reason, it is respectfully requested that claim 12 be allowed.

On pages 2-3, the Office Action rejects claims 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,553,082 to Connor in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,920,590 to Nakamura. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 12 is allowable for at least the reasons stated above in connection with the indication that claim 5 is allowed. Claim 12 depends from allowed claim 5.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 12 as allegedly being unpatentable over Connor in view of Nakamura be withdrawn.

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While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event that the fees submitted prove to be insufficient in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge our Deposit Account Number 50-0578 and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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